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REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending in the instant application. Applicants have herewith canceled claims 1-55 and added new claims 56-69. Support for the newly added claims is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, for example on page 14, lines 1-9 and page 28, lines 20-34. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced with the newly added claims and, therefore, respectfully request their entry. With the entry of the amendment submitted herewith, claims 56-69 are currently pending in the instant application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Previously pending claims 29, 30, 40, 41, and 46-55 were rejected in the Office Action as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants submit that the rejection is rendered moot with the cancellation of the rejected claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Previously pending claims 1-23 were rejected in the Office Action as allegedly being anticipated by one or more of Ajinomoto, Huie et al., or Matteucci et al.. Applicants submit that the rejections are rendered moot with the cancellation of the rejected claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

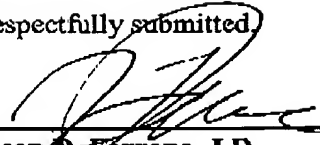
Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Previously pending claims 24, 25, 31-36, and 42-45 were rejected in the Office Action as allegedly being obvious over Fraser et al, in view of March, in further view of Solomons, and in further view of Uhlmann et al., Olmstead et al., and Sterzycki et al. Applicants submit that the rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of the rejected claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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